

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to an expandable stent for implantation in a patient comprising a tubular metal body having open ends and a sidewall structure having openings therein and a coating disposed on a surface of said sidewall structure, said coating comprising a hydrophobic biostable elastomeric material and a biologically active material, wherein said coating continuously conforms to said structure in a manner that preserves said openings.

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